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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:  
**WEBSTER et al.**

Serial No.: 09/987,322  
Filed: 11/14/01

Group: 3677  
Examiner: KYLE, Michael J.

Title: SEAL APPARATUS

**PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Date: June 27, 2005

Hon. Director of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

It is respectfully requested that the above identified application be revived. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

In response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination mailed June 22, 2005, a Continuation Application is submitted herewith and under separate cover.

The required fee is attached hereto in the form of a check for \$1,500.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), or credit any overpayment to the deposit account number 50-0687 reference number 84561.

Reinstatement of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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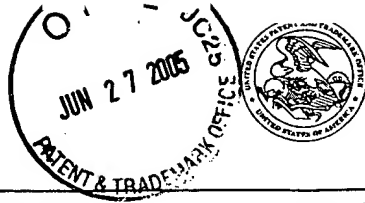
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**NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

The request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on 6/10/05 is improper for reason(s) indicated below:

- ☐ 1. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application for a design patent. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d). An RCE cannot be treated as a CPA.
- ☐ 2. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application that was filed before June 8, 1995. Applicant may wish to consider filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- ☒ 3. Continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to an application unless prosecution in the application is closed. If the RCE was accompanied by a reply to a non-final Office action, the reply will be entered and considered under 37 CFR 1.111. If the RCE was not accompanied by a reply, the time period set forth in the last Office action continues to run from the mailing date of that action.
- ☐ 4. The request was not filed before payment of the issue fee, and no petition under 37 CFR 1.313 was granted. If this application has not yet issued as a patent, applicant may wish to consider filing either a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw this application from issue, or a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).
- ☐ 5. The request was not filed before abandonment of the application. The application was abandoned, or proceedings terminated on \_\_\_\_\_. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 to revive this abandoned application.
- ☐ 6. The request was not accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.
- ☐ 7. The request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Since the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the final Office action or notice of allowance continues to run from the mailing date of that action or notice.

**Note:** A continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be filed in a utility or plant application. A CPA filed in a utility or plant application that has a filing date **on or after June 8, 1995** will be treated as an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114. The request for a CPA in the instant application, however, has been treated as an improper RCE for the reason(s) indicated above.

**A copy of this notice MUST be returned with any reply.**

Direct the reply and any questions concerning this notice to:

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